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## Mold found in West Campus apartments

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The alarming presence of mold, discovered in two West Campus Village 2 apartments, forced GC to relocate six residents and start immediate renovations in late August. “The mold was an additional concern on top of the water intrusion into the building,” said Shea Groebner, assistant director of Facilities Operations for Environmental Health and Safety and Fire Safety. “Once the water was stopped from entering the building and the remediation was completed, the mold would no longer be active in the space.” GC decided against

sending samples of the mold for lab identification. However, the school spent approximately \$18,100 on external mold remediation, demolition and reconstruction of affected apartments. “We take the safety of our students very seriously,” said Susan C. Allen, vice president of Finance and Administration. “We will do whatever it takes to make sure the students are safe.” The discovery occurred after residents made repeated complaints of an intense smell of moisture in the Village Apartment 2002. GC investigated and found that water damages within the walls created a hospitable environment for mold growth. The wa-

ter damage also posed a potential risk to the buildings foundation. Mold Spores found in the ceiling of West Campus Apartment 2002’s air handler’s closet, August 20, in Milledgeville, Georgia. “Some people are sensitive to molds. For these people, exposure to molds can lead to symptoms such as stuffy nose, wheezing, and red or itchy eyes, or skin,” according to the Centers for Disease Control. “Severe reactions may occur among workers exposed to large amounts of molds in occupational settings... severe reactions may include fever and shortness of breath.”

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Courtesy of Kacie Mercado

Mold spores found in the ceiling of West Campus Apartment 2002’s air handler’s closet on Aug. 20



Courtesy of Summer Mckelvey

Stephanie Kurtzuba and David Triacca perform an intense scene together during the production of Mayflower

## Mayflower: A TV series films in Milledgeville

**Morgan Simpson**  
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Over the last weekend of Sept. 27-29, a television series called “Mayflower” was filmed in Milledgeville. Written by Milledgeville native, Chris Danuser, the script won awards in 2017 for Best Screenplay at the Milledgeville-Eatonton Film Festival and the SOMA Film Festival in the New York Metro Area. The crew filmed the pilot for the series in downtown Athens and Milledgeville along with a store off of the Sparta highway. The series showcases actress Stephanie Kurtzuba, who plays alongside Robert De Niro as

his wife in the upcoming movie “The Irishman.” The series explores the dark emotions of humanity, anguish and misery through the main character Pap. Already a widower, Pap receives the remains of his son from Afghanistan. Completely devastated from the losses and searching for retaliation for his son’s death, he decides to truck-bomb a mosque. However, he discovers his granddaughter in the truck and must make a life-altering decision. The message from the Mayflower series is dark, however, it expresses the topics in the news in recent years, from race to religion. The news gave Danuser

er the start of his story. One major topic in the film is post-traumatic stress disorder. “Everyone is living through some kind of PTSD,” said Danuser. Even though the film displays extreme forms of PTSD, Danuser believes everyone can connect to that in some way. It sheds light on the people that have this disorder along with those surrounding them. Danuser shows this through Pap and his relationship with Ricky, his granddaughter. Danuser decided to film in Middle Georgia because of his connection to the area. After moving from Milledgeville, Danuser realized Milledgeville’s

cinematic potential. “I started realizing what a gold mine Milledgeville is,” Danuser said. The crew filmed the pilot for the series in downtown Athens and Milledgeville along with a store off of the Sparta highway. The scene filmed at the Kuntry Store shows the everyday life of Pap and the relationship be-

tween him and Ricky. The pilot episode filmed could stand alone, but it leads to questions that will be answered in the rest of the series. The producer, Jeremiah Bennett, said the Mayflower series must first be picked up by either a streaming site like Netflix or a network. In the meantime, the series will be shown at film festivals around the world as a short piece. Actor David Triacca plays the main character, Pap, a villain the audience will love to hate. Triacca explained Pap was a different character than he was used to portraying. “I really don’t recognize myself in this character, which is very

strange,” Triacca said. Coming from an extensive acting background, that says a lot. Triacca said he has been working with this character for a while. “Oh they are going to love me [Pap],” Triacca said. Kurtzuba plays Tammy, Ricky’s estranged aunt. Pap looks to Tammy for help raising Ricky, which brings her back into the picture. Even though Kurtzuba cannot directly connect to the situation her character is going through, she tries to latch on to the real human emotions her character displays.

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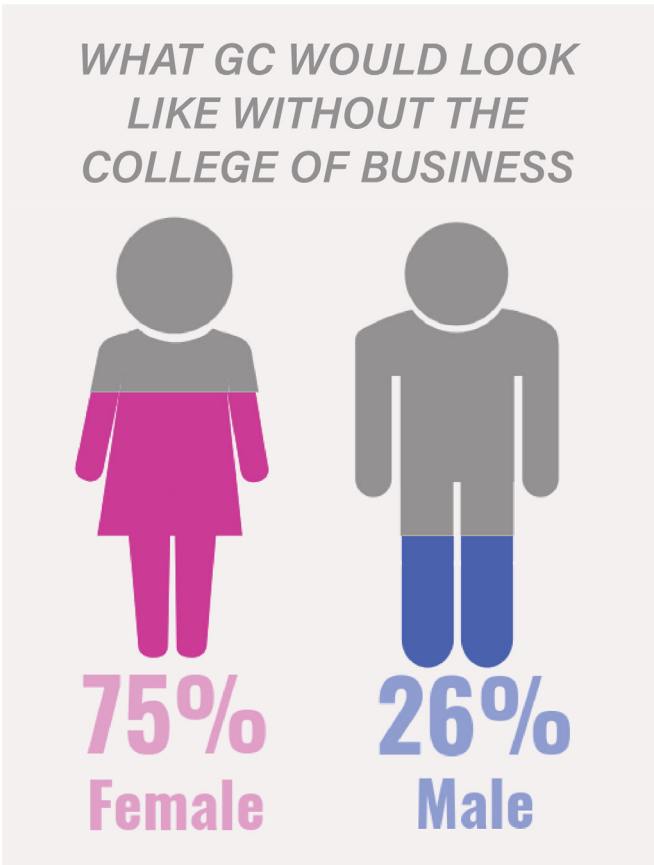


NEWS

# Boy to girl ratio becomes more apparent at GC

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GC would be 75% female and 26% male without the college of business, according to Li Miller, a professor and interim chair for the management department. Female undergraduate students were almost 50% of business majors in 2014, according to the Georgia Department of Education. However, this is not reflected at GC. In 2018, 24% of GC students were enrolled as business majors. Of those business students, about 63% are male, and 37% are female. This is out of line with the university-wide gender ratio, where 64% of students are female. “I think it’s [the college of business] the primary reason why men come here,” said Gabe Gothard, a freshman accounting major. “That’s why I came here.” Although Gothard said most of his business classes are split evenly between men and women, he notices a difference in his accounting classes, where the majority are men. Mercy McFatridge, a senior marketing major has a different perspective. “I would say a majority of my classes are mostly females but I



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This is what GC’s male to female ratio would be if we did not have a college of business according to Miller

do have a few that are majority male,” McFatridge said. “That’s when you get into the management and information technology side of things.” McFatridge does not believe a dramatic shift in the male to female ratio would occur if there were not a college of business. However, she said a small decrease in male enrollment may result. Samuel Basta, a sophomore marketing major, said his classes are majority female. Although, he said GC would have fewer male students without the business school. “If people go into majors and they see people like them, that makes it feel more comfortable,” El-Jourbagy said. Specific fields, like management, are more appealing to male students because men are more represented in upper levels of management in the business industry. “If you look at Fortune 500, if you look at CEOs, how many of those are males,” said Jehan El-Jourbagy, professor of business law and ethics. “More men have role models in management in that career, whereas women have very few.” College Stats recommends students struggling to stay in college should ask for help, utilize assistance programs and find a mentor.

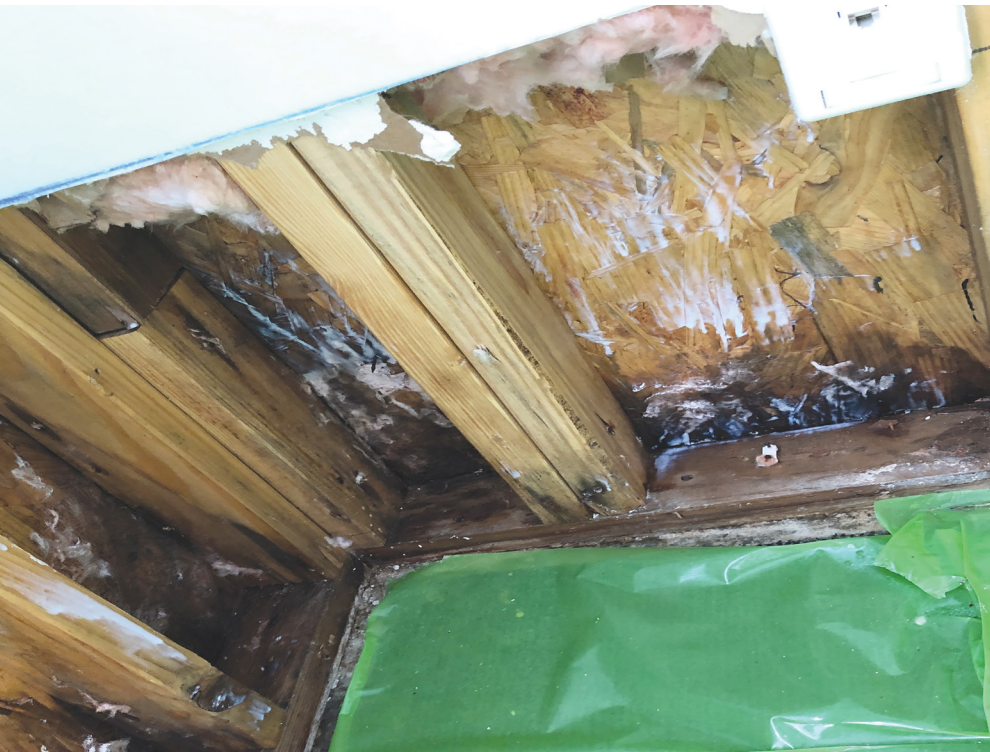
## MOLD

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Initial investigations of the apartments’ water pipes and HVAC systems revealed no sign of mold or water entry. Residents of the Village Apartment 2002 were informed the smell arose from the carpet; the carpet was professionally cleaned, but the smell of moisture strengthened. “It made the smell worse because the moisture was in the walls,” said Kacie Mercado, resident B of apartment 2002. “They were further wetting it and growing the mold. They moved all of my stuff into the living room and I would sleep with my roommates or on the couch because it smelt so bad.” Upon further investigation, Groebner discovered the formation of water

pools along the exterior wall of Village 2. These pools were responsible for funneling water into the interior walls, creating necessary conditions for mold growth. An intense concentration of mold spores was discovered in a closet’s ceiling above the unit’s air handler. Within the walls, visible water damage had turned the wood black. These findings intensified GC’s concern for both the health of its students and its facilities. “Within a week we had identified a problem, established a plan, and taken some precautions to eliminate the problem that was occurring,” said Groebner. GC Housing relocated residents into two-bedroom apartments on Aug. 20 and began renovations on the mold-infected apartment on Aug. 21. “I came home af-

ter classes and my whole room was filled with fans and everything was bubble wrapped,” said Madison Gasque, resident A of apartment 2002. Effected Sheetrock and carpeting were removed. An outside company, ServPro, launched a full-scale mold maintenance process to disinfect the apartment of remaining mold. Although at the discretion of the residents, GC highly encouraged the laundering and airing of personal items exposed to the emissions of apartment 2002. “I had to get all of my items dry-cleaned and use mold spray,” Mercado said. “I had to clean everything that I had.” Three of the affected residents were granted prorated reimbursements by GC and released from their Village Apartments leases by Sept. 9.



Courtesy of Kacie Mercado

Water damage inside the wall at West Campus apartment 2002 on Aug. 27

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# Local officials prepare for possible vaping-related illnesses in Baldwin County

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Following more than 1,000 illnesses nationwide and the first vaping-related death in Georgia, Baldwin County health officials are getting prepared for vaping-related illnesses in case they emerge in Middle Georgia. “Absolutely we’re prepared,” Dr. Rebecca Gay of Navicent Health

Baldwin said. “We’ve definitely started asking more questions and finding out about people’s vaping history. Previously, we’ve asked about smoking history because of the dangers of tobacco use, but we haven’t taken a hard look at vaping until these incidents came to light.” Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suspect THC-con-

taining products may be the culprit, though more information is needed. According to the CDC, among the 578 patients, 78% reported using THC-containing products and 37% reported exclusive use. Additionally, 58% of those patients reported using nicotine-containing products and 17% reported exclusive use. Baldwin County is one of 13 Middle Georgia counties making up the North Central Health District of the Georgia Department of Public Health. “Should a [vaping-related illness] occur within Baldwin County our district epidemiologist would work with both health departments to conduct an investigation,” said Michael Hokanson, spokesman for the district. E-cigarettes and vapes were originally marketed as a safer alternative to smoking cigarettes.

“The fact of the matter is we don’t know,” Gay said. “It’s not water that you are vaping. It’s a complex solution of chemicals that has been changed from its original state.” Navicent has put together several lines of defense aimed at helping patients suffering from these vaping illnesses. These include: using steroids, supplemental oxygen and ventilator support. A response to a local illness would be handled by the hospital in conjunction with the Department of Public Health. “We have, of course, been speaking with hospitals as well as our regional health care coalitions,” Hokanson said. “We have provided health alerts to our contacts which includes information about potential exposures and actions requested by healthcare providers.” With more than 1,000 people across the country sickened some states have



Courtesy of Jonathan O’Brien  
Navicent Health Baldwin prohibits smoking on their campus, Sept. 25



Courtesy of Jonathan O’Brien  
King of Smoke sells vape products in addition to other smoking paraphernalia, on Sept. 25

decided to ban the sale of e-cigarettes, and in states with no ban some consumers are making the choice to stay away. “It has slowed down a little bit,” said Savannah Thompson, manager at King of Smoke in Milledgeville. “For some people once they see it on the news they decide to quit.” Thompson believes synthetic and black-market products along with vitamin E acetate, which is often added to THC, are to blame for the illnesses. The CDC’s most recent report seems to confirm part of Thompson’s theory. Thompson does see the need to add some government regulations on where the products are sold to prevent them from falling into the hands of minors. She also thinks product transparency, “putting all the ingredients on the bottle,” would help. Thompson blames the popularity of Juul on social media for the rise in younger people using them. “Everybody thinks, ‘Oh, I need a Juul’ when one pod is a whole pack of cigarettes,” Thompson said.

# Learning Center offers new tutoring locations

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The Learning Center (LC) began offering tutoring services at different locations across campus apart from the LC as of Sept. 30. Tutors can be found in The Hub, West Campus and Foundation Hall on Sundays from 4 - 7 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday from 7 - 10 p.m. Rebecca Cofer, the programs manager of the LC, said these hours are specifically offered because those are times the LC is closed. The LC staff chose Foundation Hall as the first residence hall to host tutoring because it is made up of predominantly freshmen and it is the hall located furthest from the main campus. The Hub provides an atmosphere that is described as inviting that all students can easily access, and West Campus is home to hundreds of freshman and sophomores. The LC offers several different programs: Drop-In tutoring, the

Supplemental Instruction (SI) Program, the Math Lab and PASS sessions. The SI program has long been funded with a STEM grant, but that iteration of the grant concluded in June 2019. With the significant success of the SI program, GC decided to fully fund it under the Learning Center. A new iteration of the STEM grant, awarded to the LC, is allowing an expansion of services they offer. Additionally, the LC offers the math lab. All programs provided by the LC are geared towards helping students succeed in their academics as best they can. Jeanne Haslam, the director of the LC, says there are over 7,000 visits to the center each semester. Tutoring sessions allow for students to receive the help they need at convenient hours throughout the school day. The LC also offers other opportunities for students to improve their academic skill sets with success workshops. “We offered them

in some freshman seminar classes but we are now offering them outside of class hours focused on topics such as test-taking skills, critical reading, note-taking and time management,” Cofer said. She described that the success sessions are led by mostly students in the LC staff which can make students more comfortable and allow them to use YouTube and music to make mate-

rial easier to relate to. The SI program assigns students who have previously completed a course successfully to guide facilitate study sessions for students who are presently in the course. Offering students these out-of-class study sessions can allow students to receive additional help from a student that has been in their shoes before. The PASS Program provides study sessions to classes that did not

receive an SI. The classes that receive the PASS Program are decided by high DFW rates, demand for tutoring services and faculty partnerships. “We offer hardy and robust study sessions for GC students a few days before their major exams,” Haslam said. Through offering the PASS Program, students enrolled in courses who did not get assigned an SI can still receive additional help be-

fore major exams. Senior marketing major, Reghan Cavins, said that she can always go to the LC for help when she is stuck on a problem or concept. “I recently found out about the new additions to the Learning Center and I think it is an amazing idea to offer tutoring in places like West Campus and The Hub,” Cavins said. “That makes it so convenient to get help when you need it.”



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SPORTS

From the court to the hall: The Erick Siquiera story

Eric Boyd  
Sports Editor

Former standout tennis player Erick Siquiera will be inducted into the GC Athletics Hall of Fame on Nov. 2.

For Siquiera, the induction marks the culmination of a long, incredible journey.

“This means the world to me because of all the sacrifices my parents made for me growing up,” Siquiera said. “I want this to be a tribute to them and all the things they went through.”

It would be beyond the confines of a great player’s mindset to say they expected to reach something as illustrious as the hall of fame.

Inherent to the qualities that made Siquiera a great tennis player is a certain humbleness. When he was a player, that humility forced him to focus on one game at a time.

The byproduct of

such short-term focus was Siquiera never stopped to reflect on the scope of what he had been accomplishing. As such, his induction caught him by surprise.

“It’s one of those things you play and play and play and you never expect something like this to happen,” Siquiera said. “It never crossed my mind.”

His mind had to have been deeply entrenched in the Nick Saban School of Athletic PR because his list of accolades reads as long as a CVS receipt.

The astonishing list of awards Siquiera compiled in his career would threaten to strip the hall of its merit had it denied him entry.

Over the course of his career, he was an Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American for singles three times, an ITA All-American for doubles once, all Peach

Belt Conference for singles three times, all PBC for doubles three times and the PBC Player of the Year in 2009.

Gaudy. Accounts differ on the talent level Siquiera possessed in obtaining those awards.

By account of Men’s Head Tennis Coach Steve Barsby, Siquiera oozed greatness from the moment he arrived on campus. Siquiera’s humility rears its head upon giving his account. “I always felt that the PBC was really strong and it had a lot of players more naturally talented than I was,” Siquiera said. “PBC Player of the Year was one of the peaks for me because it came totally as a surprise.”

Perspectives on Siquiera’s talent may vary, but there is no dissent when it comes to his work ethic. “His work ethic was unbelievable,” Barsby

said. “Since then, I’ve always told my guys the ones that have won first team all-conference and all-american nine times out of ten are the hardest

workers on the team.” Insight into the magnitude of Siquiera’s induction demands knowledge of his career’s origin. He

came to GC from Brazil. Instantly, he felt a sense of community and knew he made the correct decision. There were already several Brazilian players on the team and a Brazilian host family waiting for him, so Siqueira had resources to diminish the culture shock.

“He was wondering ‘How do I get a taxi? How do I ride the city transit?’ and I had to tell him ‘No, we don’t have that here—we walk,’” Barsby said. GC embraced Siquiera immediately. On his first day of classes, he got lost looking for the bookstore. A teammate found him and decided to be late for his next class so he could walk Siquiera to the bookstore.

His teammate and roommate, Justin Pickham, would stay after practice with Siquiera and feed him balls to help him with the things he needed to work on.

Coach Barsby invited Siquiera to his house for dinner on his first night in America and did his patriotic duty by teaching him how to play Tex-

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As he became more comfortable with the language and environment in his sophomore year, his on-court play exploded.

“He just realized how good he was,” Barsby said.

Siquiera toyed with opponents in much the same way a cat toys with a mouse.

He almost always had control, and he patiently waited for the perfect moment to strike.

“If we only enjoy the result, we lose sight of how to get the result.”

-Erick Siquiera

He was not phenomenal at any one particular thing, but there were zero gaps in his game. He possessed technical precision to the point where he never beat himself.

If he lost a game, it meant his opponent truly deserved it and fought tooth and nail to earn it. “Most guys that played him would get a little desperate because he was so good, so they’d take risks,” Barsby said. “Erick would wait

and wear them out until they beat themselves.”

The perpetrator of such savage playstyle wore a smile on his face while launching his opponents into desperation and later oblivion.

“My mindset was don’t worry about the result—just

have fun and enjoy the process,” Siquiera said. “If we only enjoy the result, we lose sight of how to get the result.”

Tearing through opponents and racking up awards was cool for Siquiera. None of it became special until he got to share it with his family.

It was not until his senior season in his last tournament that his family could fly out from Brazil to watch him play.

Playing in front of them meant the world to Siquiera.

“You don’t realize the sacrifices your parents make for you until it’s all behind you,” Siquiera said. “It’s always meant the world to accomplish this or that on the court, but when I could share it with my family, it was multiplied by 100.”

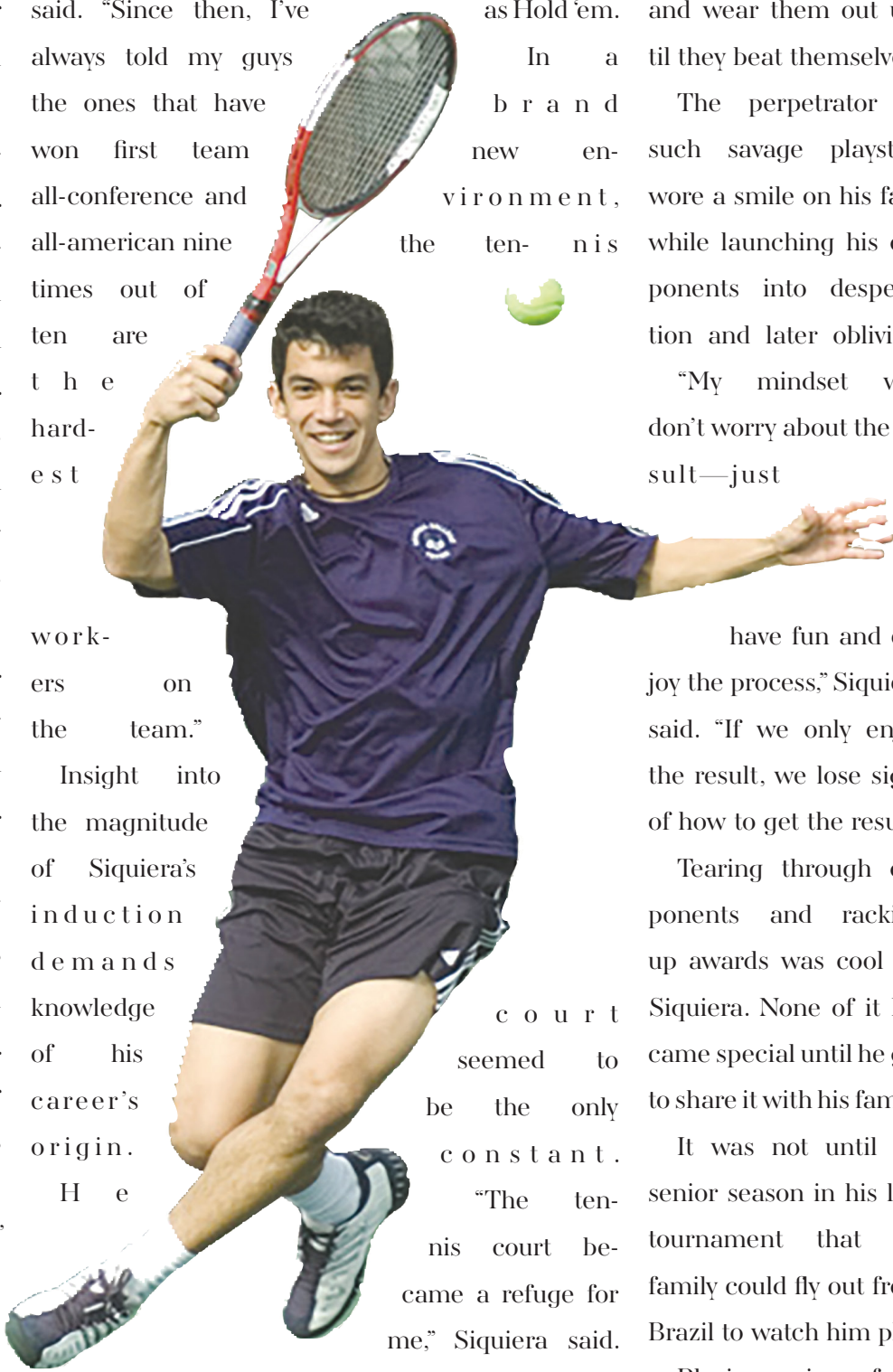
Getting inducted into the Hall of Fame is cool, but it is not special.

For Siquiera, special is sitting at the table with his family, who sacrificed so much to get him where he is today, when his name gets called.

Special is taking his three-year-old daughter to Milledgeville, where he made so many memories, and letting his heart melt as she looks at his home for the first time.

Nov. 2 will cement the legacy of a player whose on-court dominance was inexplicably overshadowed by his capacity towards being a good person.

“When I think back on Erick, I do not remember a ton of the results because he was such a good guy I remember laughing on the bus and hanging out at practice,” Barsby said.



Courtesy of Erick Siquiera  
Edited by Jessica Gragny



- + Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year 2009
- + Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American for singles 2007–2009
- + Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American for doubles (Justin Pickham) 2009
- + All-PBC for singles 2007–2009
- + All-PBC for doubles 2007–2009



SPORTS

# ‘Can I get your autograph?’

## Who are the professional stars that inspire GC athletes and why?

Chris Collier  
Senior Writer

The Mount Rushmore of professional athletes inspires young athletes everywhere to climb higher. For Cal Gentry, junior marketing major and infielder for GC baseball, the climb started at birth. “They named me Calloway after my great grandad, and since Cal Ripken Jr. was my dad’s favorite player, he was just like, ‘Hey, let’s just call him Cal,’” Gentry said. Cal Ripken Jr. played 21 seasons for the Baltimore Orioles and holds the record for consecutive games played at 2,632. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame during his first year of eligibility in 2007. Gentry watched Ripken on TV every day growing up, collecting his jerseys, gloves and bats along the way. He witnessed history from his living room when Ripken smashed Lou Gehrig’s record for consecutive games played. Gentry met Ripken in Tennessee when his dad, a high-school baseball coach at the time, brought him along for a conference. Ripken

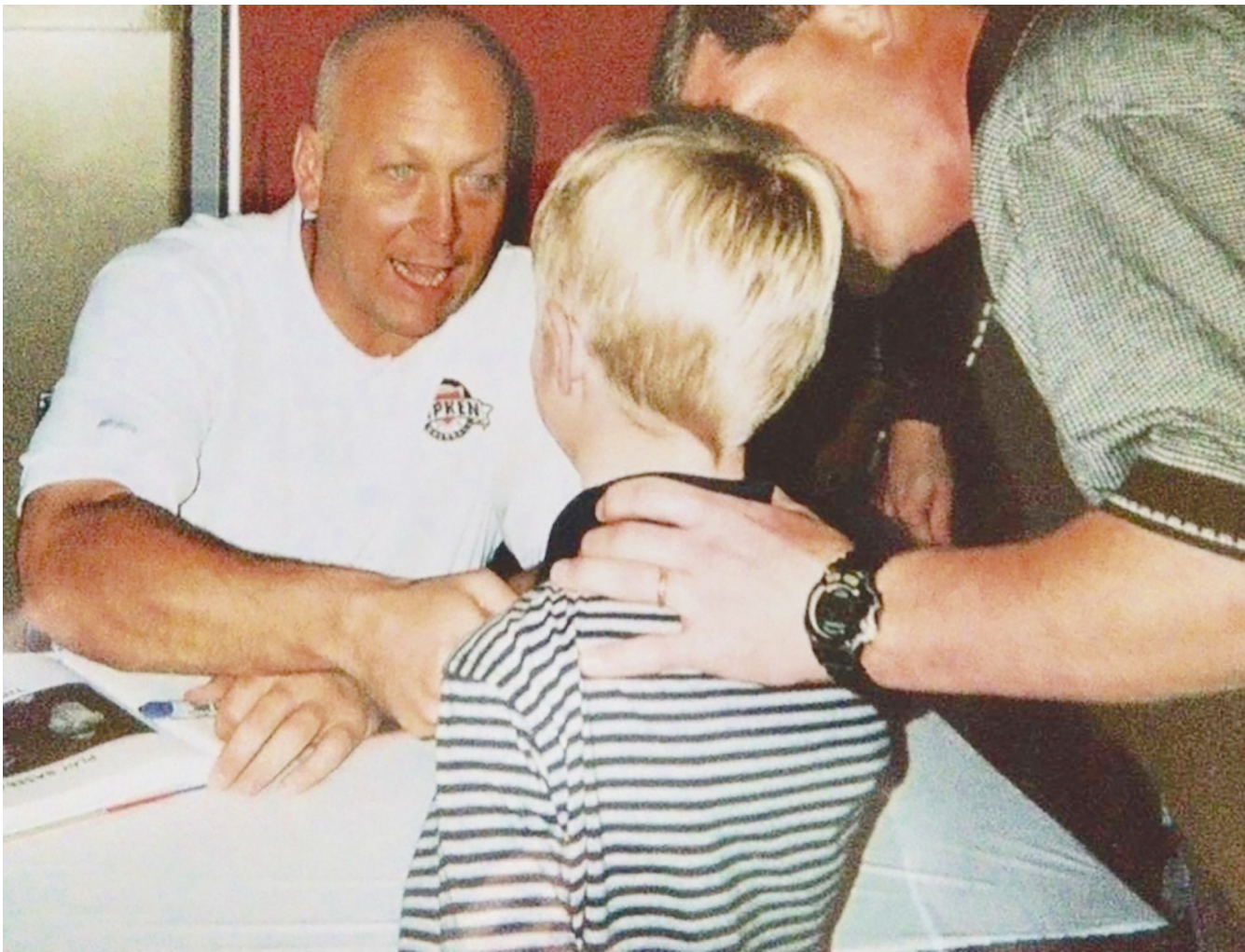
was the keynote speaker. “I went up to him—it was him and his brother Billy—I went up to him,

“I remember him talking to my dad about that, and he was like, ‘Man, that’s awe-

drafted by the Baltimore Orioles and chase Ripken’s legacy. Sophia Bonser, ju-

tion of his professional soccer career. He’s won a club-record 34 trophies including ten La Liga

“He’s [Messi] very mild-mannered on the field if that makes sense—he doesn’t have a super high temper, and so he keeps his cool a lot, and I would say I try to do the same,” Bonser said. Jordan Thomas, junior exercise science major and guard for GC men’s basketball, grew up watching Kobe Bryant light up defenses with ease. Thomas collected Bryant’s shoes, jerseys and posters as a young athlete. Kobe Bryant played 20 seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers, winning five NBA championships and an MVP award from 1996 to 2016. “I’ve always been a Lakers fan because of him, really,” Thomas said. Bryant scored 81 points on January 22, 2006, scorching the Toronto Raptors under the bright lights of Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles. “When he had 80, that’s just when I was like, ‘that’s crazy,’” Thomas said. “He had 80. Even though I know Wilt Chamberlain had 100, but that was in like the ‘50s [or] ‘60s. For someone to have 80 points—and I think he had fifty-five in the first half or the second half, that’s just so crazy.”



Courtesy of Cal Gentry

Cal Gentry meets his idol, Cal Ripken Jr., at a baseball conference with his father

and I just told him, ‘Hey, man, my name’s Cal, [and] I have a dog named Ripken,’” Gentry said. Ripken’s reaction was priceless.

some—that’s one of the greatest things I’ve ever heard,” Gentry said. Gentry plans to enter the MLB Draft in 2020. He hopes to be

nior chemistry major and midfielder for GC soccer, draws inspiration from Lionel Messi. Messi has played for Barcelona for the dura-

titles, four UEFA Champions League titles and six Copas del Rey. Bonser looks to Messi for how to conduct herself on the pitch.

# The draining, exhausting game of...golf?

## GC golfers dispel the relaxed, easy-going narrative surrounding the game

Lilia Starnes  
Staff Writer

Slow and steady—two words that describe the sport of golf. Those unfamiliar with the game may not expect long and mentally exhausting to also be apt descriptions. Insight into the team’s busy schedule and how they juggle the student-athlete lifestyle can give an onlooker a whole new appreciation for the game. “This year we started team practices for the first time in program history,” said Drew Duffie, senior golf team member. “We work in groups, so we will split

up into two groups of four. Then we have individual practices which for most of us is five to six days a week.” In addition to weekly practices, the golf team often travels on the weekends to attend two-day tournaments that normally take place Monday and Tuesday. Contradictory to a two-hour basketball or soccer game, a 36 hole game of golf lasts 12 hours without breaks. “You’re out there all day without breaks, but coach brings us water and someone will bring us a sack lunch,” Duffie said. “I went through 15 bottles of water and four or

“That is the cool thing about golf—we are out there for 12 hours and get to build these relationships with guys from other teams and learn about their country and culture.

-Drew Duffie

five bottles of Gatorade that day,” said Alex Wells, red-shirt junior golfer. To brace themselves for the long day out on the green, the golf team has 6 a.m. practices twice a week where they do ropes and sprints to improve their cardiovascular health. “We do intense cardio workouts that way

you feel what your body is going to be like when it is tired,” Wells said. Mental strength is equally as important as cardiovascular strength when out on the golf course for 12 hours. “Golf is mentally draining because it is a really long game so you have to be patient when you realize that you’re

tired in order to think correctly,” Wells said. Since the team travels for tournaments and practices multiple times a day, where does school fit in? “You just have to balance it more in the season,” Duffie said. “It is hard to practice as much as we would like because we are traveling so we have three or four days to get all our school work done.” For the golf team, time management is key in order to balance the roles of an athlete and a student and, if they are lucky, a normal human being with a social life. “It is important for me to be able to get

away, and I’ll practice really hard so having friends outside of the team and doing other things helps me not kill my brain,” Duffie said. When Duffie and Wells are out on the course, they are not just playing a game of golf. They are building new friendships with golfers from all around the world. “It is cool because in our division we meet a lot of foreigners,” Duffie said. “That is the cool thing about golf—we are out there for 12 hours and get to build these relationships with guys from other teams and learn about their country and culture.”



Courtesy of GC Sports

The team returns to action at the Copperhead Championship in Tampa Oct. 14



Courtesy of GC Sports

GC golf placed ninth at their most recent tournament in Dahlonge on Oct. 1



ARTS & LIFE



# FIRST TASTE

## Buffingtons’ vegan burger

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The atmosphere at Buffingtons is instantly recognizable for any student at GC. By day it is a quaint burger restaurant and by night it is a lively gathering place for students who enjoy local music, among other late-night festivities. While most students visit Buffingtons on weekends for live music and drinks, their day-time restaurant menu offers a wide variety of meal choices in their selection of burgers. Their most recent addition, a vegan burger, has already begun to make waves across the student body at GC. Sydney Main, a junior environmental science

major, has kept a strict vegan diet for as long as she has been attending GC. With an abundance of meat-centric food choices across campus and downtown Milledgeville, the vegan burger at Buffingtons was a refreshing option and an interesting first taste. Before tasting the burger, Main had already done research on the type of meat substitute found in the vegan burger, a plant-based substitute entitled Beyond Meat. Beyond Meat is a brand of meat-based substitutes that prides itself on recreating the authentic feel and taste of a beef burger. It smells, tastes and even excretes red juices from an all-beef patty, just with the add-

ed benefit of being a safe vegan alternative. Jessie Colter, a chef at Buffingtons, has welcomed the recent additions of Beyond Meat to the menu. He believes

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the updated menu will attract more customers

and feel more inclusive. “Buff’s is a burger joint, you want to accommodate everyone,” Colter said. “New is popular and Beyond has more options for everybody.” Main has been tasting a wide variety of plant-based meat-substitutes since making a commitment to a vegan diet and lifestyle, and the vegan burger at Buffingtons surpassed their expectations. “I haven’t eaten meat since high school, but I can sort of remember what meat tastes like and that’s what a vegan burger should feel like,” Main said. The preparation and presentation of the vegan burger were identical to the process of serving a regular burger. Slow cook the patty to a sear-

ing temperature, liberal-ly stack fresh vegetables and other assorted condiments on a crisp bun and serve the burger with a side of seasoned crinkle fries or salad. “Depending on how it looks from the outside, I expected it to taste very fresh,” Main said. “It’s a lot thicker and juicier than the Impossible burger [another type of plant-based meat products].” Main found the flavor of the burger to be as close to a meat burger as possible. One noticeable quality of the patty was its distinct earthy tone that can distinctly remind the eater of beets. Noah Whitridge, a junior computer science major, took quite a liking to the vegan burger on a recent vis-

it to Buffingtons. As a vegetarian, he found the Beyond Meat fulfilling compared to other plant-based patties. “The patty stands on its own,” Whitridge said. “With other patties, I could dose it in ketchup or mustard to create the illusion of flavor, but this one you don’t have to.” For a student who does not ascribe to the vegan lifestyle, this burger could be the convincing argument towards more plant-based alternatives. Every aspect of the burger from its preparation, presentation, smell and most importantly taste are shockingly similar to the regular all-beef burger. “It’s the best vegan burger out there,” Main said. “It stands out among all other vegan burgers.”



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Jessica Gratigny  
Asst. Photographer

Sydney Main enjoys their first taste of Buffingtons’ vegan burger on Oct. 1

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“I can relate to the feelings around family and obligation,” Kurtzuba said. “I think we all understand the complexities of family relationships.” Kurtzuba says Tammy is a new character for her in terms of her life situation. To approach her character, she tries to stay non-judgemental in order to take on the role and instead attempts to connect to the emotions. Both actors commented on their first time in Georgia and the Southern hospitality they encountered in the few short days here. “That Southern hospitality, that’s not just a cliché,” Triacca said. He visited downtown Milledgeville to walk around and said everyone was friendly. Kurtzuba did not have much time between sets, the airport and her hotel but she raved about the crew in Milledgeville. “What an incredibly



Jessica Gratigny | Asst. Photographer

The crew prepares to film a scene of Mayflower at The Kuntry Store on Sparta Highway on Sept. 29

professional and just genuinely nice group of people so if that is a reflection of Georgia, I’m all in,” Kurtzuba said. The heat was another thing that came up when talking about their time in Georgia. Co-director, Casey Clark, who is based in New York City, was not prepared for the high temperatures of the Middle Georgia region. Though Clark said the heat helped add to what

the film was getting at. The team hopes the topics covered in the series will change the view of the audience. Triacca believes the series reaches everyone, so the audience will be able to connect to it in some way. “Some people don’t fit in a psychological checklist of what a domestic terrorist would be,” Danuser said. “Maybe you shouldn’t be one to judge as much.”

He hopes this will shed light on the psychological process of someone willing to commit mass murder due to the loss he experienced. Clark thinks the audience will have mixed emotions over the series, with some feeling uncomfortable and others seeing the value in it. “I think what will be unavoidable is that it is powerful and people will have a re-

action,” Clark said. The crew gave advice and tips for college students in their important years before the real world. Kurtzuba advises students to be true to themselves no matter what. She believes it goes a long way being real rather than fake and worrying about being the next big thing. “Find your truth and find your path,”

Kurtzuba said. Bennett advises students to work on projects while in college and not wait until after graduation. “Go ahead and do the projects now and be willing to take the weekend and shoot that short or enter into the 48-hour filming contest,” Bennett said. Danuser also agreed that experience in college is important. “Learn yourself and how you deal with trauma and the choices that you make after you experience trauma,” Danuser said. During the scenes and the performances from the actors, Clark was already moved while filming the pilot episode. “I was crying when I was just watching it from the monitor, and that’s when I knew okay we got it,” Clark said. The episode will be edited for the next couple of months, with hopes of a network or streaming service picking it up for the premiere season at the beginning of 2020.



ARTS & LIFE

Beat the heat and cut your hair

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October is upon us and with temperatures still in the high 80s and 90s, the heat has not subsided, making it the perfect time for a mid-semester haircut. Milledgeville offers a variety of hair salons and barbershops to freshen up your locks. Some, like Jones Barber & Styling and the Hair Bar are within walking distance of campus, while others like Glow Salon, 5 Star Beauty & Fashion and Runs with Scissors Salon are a bit of a drive, but worth the experience. “We get a lot of GMC and GC kids,” said Antoine Waal, a barber at Jones Barber & Styling and son of the owner. Waal said the barbers work best with clients who have short hair. The most popular styles requested are fades, crew cuts and undercuts. “They [customers] come in here with hair about your length [below shoulders] and we’ll

tell them they’ve got to go to a salon,” Waal said. Waal does not shy away from razor design. His most popular design requests are straight and crooked lines, but shaving butterflies into his client’s hair remains his favorite design. Waal said that seeing the finished product is the most rewarding aspect of cutting hair. “You meet so many different people,” Waal said. “I love cutting hair too though. I love seeing my work. It’s like art to me.” Waal works for his father at the barbershop and enjoys the luxuries associated with being self-employed, including making his “own money” and being his “own boss.” Waal said that the barbershop acts as a sort of therapy for both himself and his clients. Some regulars come in and ask for a listening ear instead of a haircut. Waal said he welcomes those who need to decompress and loves to listen. Waal refers those with longer hair across the street to the Hair

Bar. They offer a variety of cuts, colors and blow-outs, and have a nail bar underneath the salon. Runs with Scissors Salon offers coloring,

Fashion sells a variety of products including crochet, wigs and braid hair products. The store offers clothing and is praised for its customer



Catherine James | Photo Editor

Barbers at Jones Barber and Styling work to give their clients a new cut on Oct. 4

cuts, highlighting and they work with natural hair. Their staff works to create a family-friendly environment for their customers, and they are about a ten-minute drive from campus. 5 Star Beauty &

service, organization and quality hair products. Some students are making the transition from at-home hair cuts to professional salons. “I cut it [her hair] myself - basically my dorm room bathroom,” said

Isabella Banich, a freshman environmental science major. “I want my hair professionally colored like a navy color and just trimmed.” Banich said the Hair Bar caught her interest because it is within walking distance of campus and looks professional. The Hair Bar works perfectly for those who need a trim between classes or an up-do before an event. Glow Salon requires a short drive, but they offer deals some students cannot pass up. GC students receive 10% off their purchase and can use their Bobcat cards to pay. They offer cuts, color, highlighting, keratin treatments, extensions, eyebrow waxing, face waxing and spray tans. “I would say the most popular [cut] is a balayage [a gradient highlight], collar bone, lob, would be the number one,” said Christa Abbott Phillips, owner. “Everybody’s cutting their hair off right now.” Abbott Phillips said that the salon works with

almost all hair types except for relaxed hair because the product chemicals mixed with relaxer could damage the hair. The stylists work on a seven-tiered level based system that classifies their skill level and pricing points. A stylist fresh out of school with little experience charges lower prices than a stylist with years of experience. “When clients walk in, we give them something to drink, offer them a cookie,” said Abbott Phillips. “We all speak to each other’s clients. We try to treat people the way we want to be treated.” Christa and Eric Abbott Phillips founded the salon on family-oriented and goal-driven ideals. They use the salon as a medium for young stylists to hone their skills. Milledgeville hosts many hair salons, so pick try out some mentioned above or find the one that best suits you! Make sure to do a quick Google search before making a reservation.

FTKolor Run 2019

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The annual FTKolor Run took place on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Depot and his year, the 5K was organized by GC Miracle in collaboration with Phi Mu and ATO. GC Miracle and Phi Mu were raising money for the Children’s Hospital in Macon, while also donating a portion of their proceeds towards suicide prevention, ATO’s philanthropy. The Children’s Hospital in Macon opened on Feb. 25 of this year. Navicent Health originally announced the project in June 2016.

FTKolor Run were lowered from last year’s price of \$20 to \$10 this year to make the event more accessible. The race began at 9 a.m. and most people had finished by 10 a.m. Elizabeth McAlpine, a senior nursing major, is on GC Miracle and has been a part of the color run for 4 years. “We ran around Milledgeville close to the dorms,” said McAlpine. “There are different color stations and we throw color all throughout.” Powdered chalk is used to give the color run its animation. The bright mixes of color bring attention to the event.

support for everyone.” Walker loves participating in the FTKolor Run because it is an easy way to show up and help out to raise money for a good cause. “We had a great turnout,” said Walker. “They were selling chicken biscuits, merchandise and apparel to raise money, so there were more ways to get involved than just running.” ATO’s philanthropy is raising money for suicide prevention via the Will to Live Foundation. Tony Wyche, sophomore management major, runs ATO’s philanthropy. This is Wyche’s first color run.

“Our goal is to raise more than we made last year,” Wyche said. “This year we are shooting for \$14,000.” Henry Jones, senior MIS major, has worked with GC Miracle for two years, but this is his first color run. “I thought it would be a fun way to raise money for a good cause,” Jones said. “There were a bunch of people recommending it for me, and I enjoy running.” More information on the Will To Live Foundation can be found at will-to-live.org while the Children’s Hospital of Macon’s website can be found at childrenshospitalnh.org



Courtesy of GC Miracle

Students run through the colored powder on Sept. 28

GC Miracle is recognized for their fundraising efforts towards the Children’s Hospital. The FTKolor Run is one event that raises money for the hospital. Ticket prices for the

“I’m a Phi Mu and this is my fourth color run,” said Avery Walker, senior MIS major. “In the past three years, I’ve thrown color but this year I decided to stay at the end of the race to be moral

International Week 2019  
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Study Abroad Tabling 10am-2pm at the fountain  Photo Contest Reception 5pm in the Library Atrium  	Study Abroad Tabling 10am-2pm at the fountain  Funding Workshop 2pm in Atk. 202  Gilman Scholarship Workshop 3pm in Atk. 202  	International Fest 5-7pm on Front Campus  	Boren & Critical Language Scholarships Workshop 2pm in A&S 272  	Europe Study Abroad Info in MAX lobby 11am- 1pm during the Global Chef Event  

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